

HOUSE BILL 379

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public School Holidays - Presidents' Day**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing Presidents' Day as a public school holiday; repealing
4 certain provisions of law requiring a public school to devote part of the day to
5 appropriate activities on Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday; and
6 generally relating to public school holidays in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article - Education

9 Section 7-103(c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1999 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 7-103.

16 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:

17 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

18 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;

19 (iii) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

20 (IV) PRESIDENTS' DAY;

21 [(iv)] (V) The Friday before Easter and from then through the
22 Monday after Easter;

23 [(v)] (VI) Memorial Day; and

1 [(vi)] (VII) Primary and general election days.

2 (2) If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on different
3 days, the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the
4 date of observance for the public schools within the county.

5 (3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate
6 exercises for the following days:

7 (i) [Washington's Birthday;

8 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

9 (iii)] Veterans' Day;

10 [(iv)] (II) Columbus Day;

11 [(v)] (III) Arbor Day; and

12 [(vi)] (IV) Any other day of national significance.

13 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public
14 schools, in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and
15 general election days:

16 (i) Calvert;

17 (ii) Caroline;

18 (iii) Dorchester;

19 (iv) Kent;

20 (v) Talbot; and

21 (vi) Worcester.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 2000.